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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (4 pages);
2. Form 1449 listing documents (1 page, in duplicate); and
3. Copy of each cited reference (26 documents).

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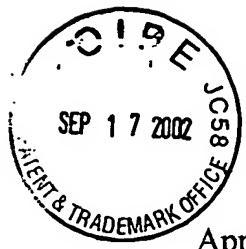
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the following information is set forth in compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, as well as the duty of others substantively involved in the preparation of the above-titled application.

The Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the application are aware of the documents, cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form and have enclosed copies of the listed documents.

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Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned applications.

1. Serial No. 08/748,066, filed 12 November 1996 (Ref. No. MVA1001USC1)

Serial No. 10/051,565, filed 18 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1001USC2)

Serial No. 10/051,492, filed 18 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1001USC3)

Serial No. 10/051,591, filed 18 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1001USC4)

Serial No. 10/051,537, filed 18 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1001USC5)

Serial No. 10/051,648, filed 18 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1001USC6)

Serial No. 10/060,272, filed 30 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1001USC7)

The specifications of the above applications are substantially identical to the specification of WO 96/01591, published 25 January 1996. Hence, only the claims for the above applications are enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement.

2. Serial No. 10/060,271, filed 30 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1002USC1)

The specification is identical to the present specification, and only the claims for Serial No. 10/060,271 are enclosed herewith.

3. Serial No. 10/093,572, filed 8 March 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1003US).

A copy of this specification is enclosed herewith.

4. Serial No. 09/824,910, filed 3 April 2001 (Ref. No. MVA1004USC1)

Serial No. 10/060,854, filed 30 January 2002 (Ref. No. MVA1004USC2)

The specifications of the above applications are substantially identical to the specification of U.S. Patent No. 6,325,815 (Kusleika et al.), and only the claims for the above applications are enclosed.

5. Serial No. 10/132,562 (Reference No. MVA1005US)

A copy of this specification is enclosed herewith.

6. Serial No. 10/194,355 (Reference No. MVA1007US)

A copy of this specification is enclosed herewith.

7. Serial No. 10/194,734 (Reference No. MVA1008US)

A copy of this specification is enclosed herewith.

8. Serial No. 10/096,624 (Reference No. F&B)

A copy of this specification is enclosed herewith.

The present statement reflects the direct knowledge of the undersigned and information disclosed to the undersigned by the Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the present application pursuant to their duty under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Applicants reserve the right to show, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, that any one or more of the documents cited on the PTO-1449 form is not prior art to the present invention.

Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, Applicants request that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form (submitted in duplicate).

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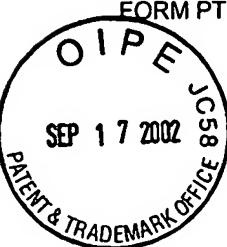
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It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission.  
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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5 8 1 4 0 6 4								9/29/98	Daniel			
6 3 2 5 8 1 5								12/04/01	Kusleika			
6 3 7 1 9 7 1								04/16/02	Tsugita et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES      NO
	WO 96/01591	1/25/96	PCT			IC
	WO 98/39053	9/11/98	PCT			SEP
	WO 99/23976	5/20/99	PCT			2000
	WO 01/15629	3/08/01	PCT			MAY
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0012951 A1, 08/09/2001, Bates et al.
		Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0041908 A1, 11/15/2001, Levinson et al.
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